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DE LA OSSA, Ernesto

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Personal data: Born April 21, 1891, Panama City; father was first Mayor of Panama City after the Republic established its independence, one brother, Carlos Manuel, served as Panamanian diplomatic representative in Brazil and Guatemala; another brother, Enrique, is the well-known local agent of the Panama Railroad in Panama City; married to a Bostonian, Constanca C. Wright, daughter of the former prominent mining engineer, Colonel Wright; two daughters born in the United States.

Education: Secondary education in Panamá and London, England; graduate in law firm from Texas University.

Languages: Speaks excellent English.

Career:

Prior to 1920	Served as District Judge for several years in Panama City;
1920	Served as Mayor of the City of Colon, R. R.
1929-1947	Entered Foreign Service of Panama.
1947	Panamanian Consul at Silver City, New Mexico.
	Adviser to Panamanian Delegation, UNGA, second session, New York, September; (Alternate Representative on Committee IV).
1948	Adviser, Panamanian Delegation, Commission on Human Rights, Third Session (ECOSOC), March;
	Representative, Panamanian Delegation, UNGA, first part of third session, Paris, September; Adviser Committee I (Political and Security);
	Representative, Committee IV (Trusteeship); Alternate Representative, Committee V (Administrative and Budgetary).
	Permanent Panamanian Representative to the United Nations, specializing in Economic and Social Affairs New York;
	Alternate Representative, Panamanian Delegation, Interim Committee, UNGA, February;
	Representative, Panamanian Delegation UNGA, second part of third session, New York, April; Alternate Representative, Committees III and V).
	Alternate Representative, ad hoc Political Committee Adviser, Committee I, (Political and Security);
	Delegate, UN General Assembly, fourth session, New York, September; (Representative Committee II).
1949-date	Minister Counselor, (in charge in absence of Chief), Permanent Delegation, United Nations, appointed c. June.
1949	Nominated for sub-committee on Freedom of Information and the Press, UN-ECOSOC Commission on Human Rights, fourth session, c. March.
1950	Alternate Representative, Panamanian Delegation, Interim Committee of the UNGA, February.
	Delegate, UN General Assembly, fifth session, New York, September, (Member, Committee VI).

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Although belonging to one of the most distinguished and well-established families in Panama City, De La Ossa seems to feel thoroughly at home in the United States both professionally and socially, having resided here almost uninterruptedly since 1929 and married into a prominent Boston family. 1/ Handsome and refined in manner, De La Ossa is politically conservative and may be expected to take the practical businessman's point of view at the international conference table. He is a very convivial, socially pleasant person, with a keen sense of humor, who enjoys a drink or two, and is a confirmed fan of trotting races. 2/

De La Ossa has demonstrated a completely friendly attitude vis-à-vis the United States at the several UNGA sessions he has attended since 1947, even when he had to oppose members of his own Delegation at times. 4/ At the fourth UNGA session in late 1949, De La Ossa is reported to have been one of the most consistently useful and frank sources of information to the United States Delegation, serving principally on Committee II (Economic and Social); he took almost no part whatsoever in debate, but appeared to keep himself well informed on the issues under discussion. He was, however, one of the more congenial habitués of the bar in the Delegates' Lounge. 3/

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June 29, 1951

- 1/ Biographic Data Report, Panama, September 15, 1947. (Confidential)
- 2/ US/A/1562, USUN Report of La Political "advisers' Group at UNGA, session three, part 2, July 18, 1949. (Confidential).
- 3/ Departmental Memorandum, February 6, 1950. (Confidential).
- 4/ USUN Report on La Delegations to the UNGA, session three, Part 1; March 18, 1949. (Confidential).

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